(c) whether Government are insisting on setting up special women's courts in various parts of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government has, from time to time, been writing to the State Governments stressing upon them the need to take preventive, punitive and rehabilitative measures in connection with crime against women. The advisories issued to the State Governments include *inter-alia*, setting up of exclusive women police stations, setting up women police cells in police stations, setting of Crime against Women Cell in districts where they do not exit, hearing of rape cases by a court presided over by a lady magistrate, investigation of a rape case of a victim less than 18 years of age by women police officers and in the presence of parents and/or relatives, wider recruitment of women in police forces, setting up of special Women Courts in each district, appointment of Dowry Prohibition Officers etc.

Increasing terrorism and smuggling in the country

†3259. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the effective steps taken by Government to check increasing terrorism and smuggling of intoxicants in the country;

(b) the number of terrorist organisations active in the country at present;

(c) the action taken by Government to curb their activities during the last two years and the number of terrorist organisations apprehended and punished;

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (d) 'Public Order' and 'Police' being State subjects, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise various methods and take concrete steps to maintain law and order and counter smuggling and terrorist activities in the States. Government have adopted a well coordinated

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and multi pronged approach for tackling the activities of militants which includes strengthening the border management to check illegal cross border activities, gearing up the intelligence machinery, close interaction between different agencies of the Centre and the State Governments, neutralizing plans of militants and anti-national elements by coordinated action, modernization and upgradation of police and security forces with advanced sophisticated weapons and communication system etc. As a result of coordinated action, several terrorist modules have been neutralized.

Diplomatic initiatives have also been taken with various countries to enlist their support in countering the activities of militant groups.

Funds are also reimbursed to the States under the Scheme of Reimbursement of Security Related Expenditure, incurred by the States on combating terrorist/militant/extremist activities.

Around 23 major terrorist outfits are active in the country at present. Some of these have been declared as unlawful associations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967.

Circulation of counterfeit currency notes, narcotics and explosives by ISI

†3260. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the activities of Pakistan intelligence agency ISI like circulation of counterfeit currency notes, narcotics and explosives are increasing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the area-wise incidents like bomb explosions and violence carried out by terrorist organisations during the last two years alongwith number of armed personnel and civilians injured and died in these incidents; and

(d) the efforts made to root out the activities of ISI from the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Cases of circulation/seizure of fake currency notes are reported from various parts of the country. Available information indicates that fake Indian currency notes are being clandestinely inducted into the country from across the Indo-Pak border and Indo-Nepal border, besides being fabricated

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